

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

6:00 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

**PRAYER:** Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Gary Cameron answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

## **PUBLIC HEARING:**

**TITLE VI:** Mayor Pavey opened the meeting for a public hearing on Title VI which is an antidiscrimination policy as it relates to transportation services. A copy of the plan was given to 10 people that would be affected. There were no comments received. There is a copy of the plan on the city's website and at city hall. Bridges asked if there were any in comparison. Pavey said it is pretty straight forward. There were no further questions or comments; Bridges made a motion to close the public hearing. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**2017 BUDGET:** Mayor Pavey opened the public hearing on the 2017 budget. Clerk-Treasurer said the total budget for 2017 is \$8,880,248.00. Pavey asked for questions or comments. There were none. Conner made a motion to close the public hearing. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2016 meeting as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Pavey informed Council that the Stellabration will be October 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 12:00. He said they are scheduled to meet with the state on December 17.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT:** Council President Bridges said he was happy to represent the City at the Family Center Worship service. He also complimented Chief Tucker on a good presentation.

Bridges informed Council that today was Chet Walker's last day working at the Boys & Girls Club.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Stellar Designation** – Discussed.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – The final concert for the year was held Saturday and was well attended.
- **Marketing** – No report.
- **APC/BZA** – No report.
- **City Center** – No report.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – No report.
- **Brownfield Grant** – We are moving along.
- **ECDC** – They have put together a power point on the different site visits. Pavey said he has encouraged McCane to run a press release.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Police** – Chief Tucker reported that they have received the grant from the Coordinating Council for portable breath testing equipment.

Tucker also reported that the Reserve Unit held a fund raiser at Rush Fest and raised \$350.00.

Assistant Chief Click will be discussing a neighborhood watch with residents of Lawton Circle Thursday evening.

The new police car has been ordered. We should have delivery in 8-9 weeks.

Tucker said they recently had a department meeting. He said every year they choose a goal for the next year. They have targeted improvements to the firing range for 2017.

**Street** – Commissioner Miller provided Council with a list of streets that they have been crack sealing. He said they hope to complete the crack sealing tomorrow.

Miller said the railroad crossings on Spencer, Arthur and Perkins Streets will be closed for approximately 1 week for repairs. The next crossings to be repaired will be Sexton and Morgan Streets.

The Board of Works granted permission to hire help for a period of 2 weeks to help with heavy trash collection.

Smith asked Miller if he asked the Board of Works about hiring a replacement for Hoover. Miller said he did not.

Councilman Smith also asked if a detour sign could be put up on 11<sup>th</sup> Street to warn truck traffic of the rail closings. Miller said he would put up signage.

Heavy trash will be picked up next week.

**Park** – Park Director Gurley said they will be weed eating Hodges Branch Thursday.

He is still waiting on a quote from Gridley to paint the pool shower house.

He said Copley will try to have the final numbers for the pool by the next meeting.

**Fire** – Fire Chief Jenkins reported that Nick Hatfield completed his testing with Perf. We are waiting to receive the results.

Jenkins informed the Board that the 3<sup>rd</sup> set of BEP properties have been removed and seeded. We will start on the 4<sup>th</sup> set next week beginning with the asbestos testing.

October 7<sup>th</sup> the Fire Department will have an open house and chili supper to raise money for Toys for Tots. The event will be from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** Councilman Berkemeier said he attended the Walk Out of Darkness Sunday and was very impressed with the community turnout. He commended all involved.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Blue Ribbon Estates Street Lights** – Nothing to report.
2. **Title VI Plan and Policy** – Mayor Pavey said the comment period ends October 5<sup>th</sup>. October 18 Council will vote on the ordinance. If it passes it will be sent on to INDOT.
3. **ServLine-Residential Service Line and Leak Adjustment Program** – Kris Schulz from ServLine gave a presentation on the proposed program. He said this is an insurance program available for leak loss. He said this will help the consumer to be able to pay the bill if there is a large bill due to leakage. It also helps the City Utility recover some of their costs. Schulz said the average cost of this program is approximately \$1.30. The customers have the ability to opt out of the program. There is no deductible. The utility chooses its protection limit of \$500, \$1,000; or \$2,500. Les Day said currently the residents are not charged for leaks on the sewage, but do have to pay the water portion

There is also an option for water and sewer line protection. The customer must opt in to this program.

4. **Highway 52 Property** – Mayor Pavey said there are new adjustments to the layout and to we need to provide additional information for the preliminary plat. Newhouse said the documentation should be ready to file soon.
5. **Heavy Trash Options** – Smith said he has reviewed Shelbyville’s program with Miller and Land. He is waiting for additional information from Shelbyville then he will tweak the ordinance to meet our needs and provide the Ordinance for Council’s review.
6. **City Hall Donation Campaign Flats/Quarters** – Eric Frye and Chuck Heintzelman said they are now the owners of the old Durbin Hotel. Eric said they closed on the property on Friday and they now have site control on the property. They will be moving towards the tax credit application. Chuck said they are still working on the paperwork for the Knights of Pythias. They have some revised plans as to the layout of the Durbin to try to get more units in the building to make it more economical and feasible. This all ties together with the City Hall site. During stellar discussion it was discussed that since City Hall had plans to move that the current City Hall would be an ideal parking lot. Chuck asked if the City would consider donating the City Hall site for parking. The benefits would give more units at the Durbin to provide ample parking for the residents. The value of the donation would also allow more points towards their application. With the donation there would not be a need to ask for tax abatement. Smith made a motion to donate the City Hall property to SIHCDC contingent upon them receiving funding for Campaign Flats and Campaign Quarters. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. **Vacation of Alley Jail Project** – Leigh Morning came before Council to ask Council to consider the request to vacate the alley due to the construction of a new jail; and for preliminary approval to move the 911 tower and current fiber hut behind Kroger onto City property. The County also would like to use additional ground on Water and Julian Streets for their staging area during construction. Smith moved to approve Ordinance 2016-15 vacating the alley. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

911 Tower and Fiber Hut - Bryant Neihoff set the set back is 50 feet. Conner made a motion to give preliminary approval of the concept to move the 911 tower, fiber hut, and the use of the City’s land for a construction staging area. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **2017 Budget** – Budget adoption is scheduled for October 4, 2016.
2. **APC/BZA Joint Planning & Zoning Board** – Bryant Neihoff said he tendered his resignation as of last Wednesday. He stated that this was a very tough decision and that he is very appreciative to the City for the opportunity he was given. Councilman Smith asked if Neihoff had any recommendations for his replacement. He said he would be willing to help in any capacity. His last day will be October 14<sup>th</sup>.
3. **Transfer Resolution 2016-23** - Berkemeier moved to approve Transfer Resolution 2016-23 transferring monies in the Police Department's budget. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS:** Smith moved to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:** Sandy Fussner said the torch relay will come through Rushville this Saturday at noon. There will be a cook out on the courthouse lawn Saturday from 11:-00 – 1:30.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier moved to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.